

# Oxfordshire County Council Equalities Impact Assessment

OXFORD, VARIOUS LOCATIONS – PROPOSED INTRODUCTION OF ON-CARRIAGEWAY CYCLE PARKING

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# **Section 1: Summary details**

Directorate and Service	Economy and Place
Area	
Milest in Indian accessed	Drenged as street model evals newling at various locations in Ovford
What is being assessed	Proposed on-street pedal cycle parking at various locations in Oxford.
(e.g. name of policy,	
procedure, project, service or	
proposed service change).	
Is this a new or existing	Existing
function or policy?	
Summary of assessment	Proposals will provide more publicly accessible cycle parking across Oxford, encouraging more people to cycle and
D . 6	reduce the need for private car ownership. In most cases, the cycle parking proposed will be on-carriageway and will
Briefly summarise the policy or	replace car parking.
proposed service change.	
Summarise possible impacts.	
Does the proposal bias, discriminate or unfairly	
disadvantage individuals or	
groups within the community?	
groups within the community?	
(following completion of the	
assessment).	
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#### **Section 2: Detail of proposal**

#### Context / Background

Briefly summarise the background to the policy or proposed service change, including reasons for any changes from previous versions.

Oxford City Council have a CIL funded City Cycling Infrastructure Fund designated for installing new cycle parking across the City. Any cycle parking installed with the fund is required to have community benefit and therefore needs to be publicly accessible. The City and County Councils have been working collaboratively to identify suitable locations for new publicly accessible parking racks, following the compilation of a list of requests from residents, businesses, organisations and local councillors.

#### **Proposals**

Explain the detail of the proposals, including why this has been decided as the best course of action.

Proposal to introduce new on-carriageway cycle parking at various locations within Oxford (Magdalen Rd, Boulter St, Market St, Observatory St, St Andrews Rd, Wilberforce St, Leckford Place, Cherwell Drive). Seven of the proposals are to introduce cycle parking in place of car parking.

#### **Evidence / Intelligence**

List and explain any data, consultation outcomes, research findings, feedback from service users and stakeholders etc, that All new cycle parking locations within the proposals have come from requests from members of the public, businesses and Councillors. Requests have been made in areas where additional cycle parking would be beneficial to the community and where current provision of cycle parking is insufficient to meet demands.

Public consultation has shown significant support for proposals in all locations. A number of comments expressed that there is currently a lack of cycle parking throughout Oxford and more cycle parking is needed.

supports your proposals and can
help to inform the judgements you
make about potential impact on
different individuals, communities
or groups and our ability to deliver
our climate commitments.

Each location has been subject to a site visit undertaken by both City and County Council officers to determine suitable positioning of cycle racks.

# Alternatives considered / rejected

Summarise any other approaches that have been considered in developing the policy or proposed service change, and the reasons why these were not adopted. This could include reasons why doing nothing is not an option.

Alternatives have been considered in all the locations in the proposals both on site visits and desk-based assessments. The options put forward in these proposals were deemed the most appropriate for each location based on various factors, such as minimal impact on pedestrians using the footway, convenience for users, security, impact on loading/deliveries etc.

# **Section 3: Impact Assessment - Protected Characteristics**

Protected Characteristic	No Impact	Positive	Negative	Description of Impact	Any actions or mitigation to reduce negative impacts	Action owner* (*Job Title, Organisation)	Timescale and monitoring arrangements
Age	$\boxtimes$			No specific risks or opportunities identified.	N/A	N/A	N/A
Disability		×		Currently there is an unmet demand for cycle parking across Oxford, resulting in bicycles being locked to street furniture, obstructing footways and presenting barriers or trip hazards to those using mobility aids and/or with sight loss. These proposals will increase cycle parking capacity, hopefully reducing the amount of barriers to people with disabilities as a result of cycle parking.	N/A	N/A	N/A
Gender Reassignment	$\boxtimes$			No specific risks or opportunities identified.	N/A	N/A	N/A
Marriage & Civil Partnership	$\boxtimes$			No specific risks of opportunities identified.	N/A	N/A	N/A

Pregnancy & Maternity			Pregnant people or those with young children and using buggies or prams may experience similar concerns raised in relation to bicycles locked to street furniture and blocking footways. The proposed increase in cycle parking capacity will help to reduce some of those issues.	N/A	N/A	N/A
Race	$\boxtimes$		No specific risks or opportunities identified.	N/A	N/A	N/A
Sex	$\boxtimes$		No specific risks or opportunities identified.	N/A	N/A	N/A
Sexual Orientation	$\boxtimes$		No specific risks or opportunities identified.	N/A	N/A	N/A
Religion or Belief	$\boxtimes$		No specific risks or opportunities identified.	N/A	N/A	N/A

# **Section 3: Impact Assessment - Additional Community Impacts**

Additional community impacts	No Impact	Positive	Negative	Description of impact	Any actions or mitigation to reduce negative impacts	Action owner  (*Job Title, Organisation)	Timescale and monitoring arrangements
Rural communities				Providing more cycle parking in Oxford may help to reduce some of the barriers for rural communities to cycle into Oxford if located close to their destination.	N/A	N/A	N/A
Armed Forces	$\boxtimes$			No specific risks or opportunities identified.	N/A	N/A	N/A
Carers	$\boxtimes$			No specific risks or opportunities identified.	N/A	N/A	N/A
Areas of deprivation				Cycling offers a cost-effective transport mode in comparison with driving or using public transport. It also helps to improve physical health and wellbeing. Proposals to increase cycle parking capacity will help to reduce some of the barriers for people from areas of deprivation.	N/A	N/A	N/A

## **Section 3: Impact Assessment - Additional Wider Impacts**

Additional Wider Impacts	No Impact	Positive	Negative	Description of Impact	Any actions or mitigation to reduce negative impacts	Action owner* (*Job Title, Organisation)	Timescale and monitoring arrangements
Staff				No specific risks or opportunities identified.	N/A	N/A	N/A
Other Council Services				Potential loss of revenue from loss of car parking space.	No actions identified.	N/A	N/A
Providers	$\boxtimes$			No specific risks or opportunities identified.	N/A	N/A	N/A
Social Value <sup>1</sup>		×		Providing additional cycle parking in Oxford might create new opportunities for more residents and visitors to cycle, potentially switching their mode of transport to a more sustainable mode. This would have positive environmental and health benefits.	N/A	N/A	N/A

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> If the Public Services (Social Value) Act 2012 applies to this proposal, please summarise here how you have considered how the contract might improve the economic, social, and environmental well-being of the relevant area

#### **Section 4: Review**

Where bias, negative impact or disadvantage is identified, the proposal and/or implementation can be adapted or changed; meaning there is a need for regular review. This review may also be needed to reflect additional data and evidence for a fuller assessment (proportionate to the decision in question). Please state the agreed review timescale for the identified impacts of the policy implementation or service change.

Review Date	
Person Responsible for Review	
Authorised By	